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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Gonzales DATE TYPED: 2/22/03 HB HJM 8/aHCPAC

SHORT TITLE: Create Interim LANL Oversight Committee SB _____

ANALYST: Maloy

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			See Narrative		

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee made the following amendments:

1. Expanded the scope of the review to be conducted and recommendations to be made to include “other workforce issues” within the laboratory and “environmental concerns”.
2. Clarified that a review of minority employment and promotional opportunities is to relate to current employees, as well as those terminated during the 1995 reduction in force.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Joint Memorial 8 requests the Legislative Council Service to re-create and continue to the work of the Los Alamos National Laboratory Oversight Committee. This committee was originally established during the 2002 Legislative Interim. The purpose of the committee is to receive

testimony regarding the composition of the workforce at the lab, as well as to determine needed skill sets for employment with the lab. The committee is instructed to meet, as necessary, with a comparable California committee.

Significant Issues

During the 2002 Legislative Interim, the oversight committee named members to a public citizen advisory group to assist in examination of educational needs to prepare New Mexico students for employment with the lab, and to focus on long-term solutions to increase minority employment and promotional opportunities at the lab.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There may be some fiscal implications for the Legislative Council Services. There may be costs associated with meetings and travel.

ALTERNATIVES

An alternative could be to expand the purview of the Interim Hazardous and Radioactive Materials Committee to include the responsibilities set forth in this Memorial. The new or expanded committee could also be directed to address the issues of economic development and technology transfer opportunities relating to the lab.

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